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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alex P. Rada

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, which includes claims 1-10, 21, 35, and 36 in Paper No. 4 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Group I should be grouped with the claims of Group II as the two are directed to closely related subject matter. The claims of Group II are directed to an apparatus that performs the process of method claim 1 within Group I. The applicant notes that the simple change of the term "computer" in claim 11 to "terminal," then claims 1 of Group I and claim 11 of Group II would have been nearly identical and the apparatus of claim 11 is nearly identical to apparatus claim 21 in Group I, in which the functions to be performed by the microprocessor in claim 11 are nearly identical to the steps of claim 1 or the elements of claim 21. This is found to be persuasive and therefore Groups I and II have been joined. The original requirement between the other groups is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawing(s) is missing in the specification. See MPEP § 608.01(f). Appropriate correction is required.

3. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-21, 35, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walker '437.

6. Walker discloses: a means for receiving information identifying a plurality of local gaming machines, a means for transmitting data from a game machine, a means for receiving a text or graphical outcome, a microprocessor, a memory connected to the microprocessor, transmitting text and graphical outcome and a means for generating a payout as recited in claims 1, 11, 21, 35, and 36; the gaming machine comprising a slot machine and the outcome includes a reel position as recited in claims 2 and 12; the receiving information includes receiving information selecting at least two of the gaming machine for remote play as recited in claims 3 and 13; the receiving information includes receiving a game machine identifier, machine type, and player preferences as recited in claims 4-6 and 14-16; the game machine comprising a video poker machine as recited in claims 7 and 17; the outcome comprising information identifying the value of the payout and using the payout information to simulate a display do the outcome at the remote location as recited in claims 8 and 18; the slot machine comprises information identifying a reel position of the gaming machine and the outcome information to display the reel position at

the remote location as recited in claims 9 and 19; and the transmitting the player identifier for identification of the player as recited in claims 10 and 20.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lvov `011 discloses an electronic gaming system that includes a central computer station, a plurality of peripheral computer station, and a data exchange network.

Saffari `561 discloses a mechanism to enable use of a disabled game resident on multiple platform gamin machines.

Wiltshire `602 discloses a compute gaming system and method of operation thereof are provided the both drastically reduce the cost of gaming station and allow contemporaneous access to multiple game program from a single station.

Vuong `552 discloses a networked based gaming system that enable a plurality of players to place wagers on a real-time game of change being conducted in a casino via a distributed network system.

Walker `983 discloses a method and device for automated repetitive play of a gaming device.

Baba `371 discloses improper registration of the data of participating teams is prevented in an online-participation game system.

Franchi `533 discloses a casino operation system for controlling the flow of the funds and monitoring gambling activities in a casino or a gaming establishment.

Muta '003 discloses a control of a GUI screen at a server in a remote location obtained without requiring the prior installment of special remote controlling software in a remote controlling machine.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alex P. Rada whose telephone number is 703-308-7135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 08:00-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Hughes can be reached on 703-308-1806. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9302 for regular communications and 703-872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.

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